

2816806

Registered provider: Select Care (NW) limited

Full inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

A private provider operates this home. The home is registered to provide care for up to two children who may have emotional and/or social difficulties.

The home and manager registered with Ofsted in February 2025.

This is the home's first inspection since registering with Ofsted.

There were two children living at the home at the time of the inspection. Both children were spoken to during the inspection.

Inspection dates: 30 September to 1 October 2025

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people, taking into account	good
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How well children and young people are helped and protected	good
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The effectiveness of leaders and managers	good
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The children's home provides effective services that meet the requirements for good.

Date of last inspection: not applicable

Overall judgement at last inspection: not applicable

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

Inspection judgements

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people: good

Children say that they have good relationships with staff and their key workers. They say that the manager is helpful and supportive, and they would go to the manager if they were unhappy or wished to make a complaint. This demonstrates that children feel confident that the manager will listen to them and ensure that their needs are met.

The home provides a clean, well-maintained and welcoming environment that promotes a sense of safety and belonging for children. Staff actively support children to personalise their bedrooms, enabling them to display certificates, photographs and other meaningful items that celebrate their individual achievements and identity. This contributes positively to children's self-esteem and emotional well-being.

Children consistently engage well in education, either through formal full-time provision, informal learning pathways or online tutoring. This reflects positive progress from their individual starting points. Staff maintain proactive and effective communication with education providers, ensuring a cohesive and coordinated approach that supports children's learning and development. This collaborative practice contributes to improved educational outcomes and continuity of care.

The children's physical and emotional health needs are prioritised. Staff support the children to attend routine and specialist health appointments. As a result, children are in good health, and their well-being is promoted.

How well children and young people are helped and protected: good

Leaders and managers regularly review risk management plans to ensure that they meet the children's needs and help to keep them safe. Staff review and update risk management plans to reflect any changes to children's needs and risks. This helps staff to provide a consistent approach to keeping children safe.

When risks escalate, prompt and effective action is taken to ensure that staff receive targeted training aligned with the emerging needs. This proactive approach enhances staff competence in managing complex situations. One child has benefited from specialist intervention and focused direct work, resulting in a reduction in their cannabis use.

Children benefit from robust and comprehensive missing-from-home plans that are tailored to their individual risks and vulnerabilities. Staff demonstrate a clear understanding of the procedures to follow in the event that a child goes missing, ensuring a swift and coordinated response that prioritises the child's safety and well-being.

Recruitment procedures and practices are safe and effective. All staff are checked and vetted before starting work at the home. These checks ensure that only suitable staff are employed to work at the home.

The effectiveness of leaders and managers: good

Staff undertake regular training that helps them to better understand and meet children's needs. When additional training is needed, the manager ensures that all staff have access to this. This means that staff develop their skills to ensure that they implement good practice.

The six-monthly quality of care review is effective in considering the impact of the care that children receive, using feedback from children and wider stakeholders. The quality-of-care review report demonstrates that children's progress is reviewed and adapted to meet their needs.

The registered manager demonstrates ambitious and effective leadership, with a clear understanding of the needs of both children and staff. Staff report feeling well supported by the management team and speak positively about their experiences of working at the home. This contributes to a stable and nurturing environment where children can thrive.

Effective partnership working with external professionals is a notable strength of the manager and staff team. Collaborative relationships are well established and contribute to the holistic support of children. Feedback from professionals is positive, highlighting the team's commitment to joint working and the delivery of coordinated care.

Staff supervisions are seen as an integral part of the support system for staff development. These sessions provide staff with time to reflect on their practice, discuss challenges and provide them with constructive feedback.

Information about this inspection

The inspector has looked closely at the experiences and progress of children and young people, using the social care common inspection framework. This inspection was carried out under the Care Standards Act 2000 to assess the effectiveness of the service, how it meets the core functions of the service as set out in legislation, and to consider how well it complies with The Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015 and the 'Guide to the Children's Homes regulations, including the quality standards'.

Children's home details

Unique reference number: 2816806

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Select Care (NW) limited

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Registered manager: Amy Hay-wood

Inspector

James Meeks, Social Care Inspector

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